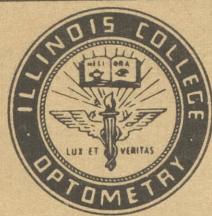




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# the FOCUS

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## ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS...

a message from the President

Dear ICO Student:

Welcome back to ICO! I hope you had a pleasant, enjoyable summer. I am pleased to report that we are about to begin our 108th academic year and we certainly anticipate a year of progress in a number of academic and administrative areas.

Perhaps of greatest interest and concern is the active recruitment that has been carried on for the past three months by the McManis and Associates firm of Washington, D.C., a nationally recognized higher education search organization. They have completed their search and we have selected from among the two finalists Dr. John Cromer. Dr. Cromer is presently serving as Assistant Dean for Medical Education at Oral Roberts University and has a wide range of experiences in curriculum development. It was mutually agreed among the faculty, students, and staff that talked to Dr. Cromer that we had made the best choice for ICO. Although Dr. Cromer's appointment becomes effective with the beginning of the academic year, he will serve part-time for several months until he completes his administrative responsibilities at Oral Roberts University. Dr. Cromer brings to his academic responsibilities a diversified and impressive background of experience.

In the Division of Health Sciences, new faculty appointments have taken place along with a revision in General and Systemic Pathology to be instructed by three physicians from the University of Illinois. Dr. Rafael Campanini, Director, Department of Pathology and two members of his general pathology staff, Dr. Enrique Arana and Dr. Vladimir Bychkov. Dr. Richard Multack

has assumed lecture responsibility for both third and fourth year lectures in Ocular Diseases. Dr. David Spindell will teach both third and fourth year Ocular Disease Clinics.

In the Optometric Science curriculum contact lens sequence has been revised, with an interchange of initial course instruction from the second to third quarter of the second year. This revision will result, we believe, in a more effective coordination of classroom instruction with clinical experience. Perimetry is now a separate third year, first quarter course with coordinated laboratory instruction in the clinical procedures laboratories. Fourth year elective courses have been revised and expanded to include twelve courses scheduled four per quarter, with the student required to select two courses each quarter. These electives, stressing advanced optometric specialty areas, provide students with advanced instruction in their preferred areas of concentration. The Pre-Clinical Laboratory in second year will contain a more desirable faculty/student ratio. There will also be more stringent lab practical exams. The Ophthalmic Optics and Dispensing courses (in second year) will be combined. These courses were taught separately in the past and this change should improve the student's ability to utilize their Ophthalmic Optics background when dispensing eyewear to patients. Perimetry will be introduced in the third quarter of the second year, along with a new one-hour course titled "Geriatric Optometry." During the summer, two major items of equipment were purchased - the Synemed Visual Field Plotter, an electronic automated perimeter for screening large numbers of

patients and the Humphrey Vision Analyzer, a state-of-the-art automated subjective refractor.

The Visual Science curriculum has undergone several important modifications involving primarily the Optometric Data and Experimental Design and Developmental Neurobiology of Vision courses. Dr. Susan Kelly, a Ph. D. in physiological psychology from Syracuse University, has joined the visual science faculty. Her research interests include visual aspects of psychophysics, as well as clinical visual problems. Dr. Kelly will teach the courses in Experimental Design, Perception, and Developmental Psychology. She will also be teaching several student laboratories and will serve as director of student research. ICO's visual scientists continue their research in the areas of human psychophysics, animal electrophysiology, human behavior and perceptual aspects of vision.

In the Patient Care Division, Dr. Craig Lannin has been appointed Associate Director of Clinics. He will assist Dr. Taylor in further development of the clinic instructional and administrative functions. The 12 module offices in the Clinic have been furnished with supplementary testing equipment including additional slit lamps, Caramate projectors, a new automated visual field screener and subjective refractor (The Humphrey Visual Analyzer). A new, revised examination form has been adopted. Patients can now pay fees through the use of bank credit cards and senior citizens have been given special fee consideration for clinic registration. A new Exceptional Child Clinic is

planned this fall pending implementation of proposed physical plant changes. Specialized instruction in the care of aphakic patients is also planned. The College is exploring third party sponsored programs of vision care with certain area facilities which will involve on-site clinics and greater utilization of our present facilities.

The Security Building is now completed and in use. This will become the permanent office for the Security Department. The building is designed in such a way as to provide viewing of both Brady Hall and the parking lots. The location of the Security Building will provide more effective parking control and facility surveillance.

During the summer, ICO contracted with Kimco Corporation for custodial cleaning service in both the Main building and Brady Hall. In the short period of time Kimco has been providing service, there has been notable improvement in the cleanliness of the building. We have also contracted with Service Systems Corporation to provide food service in the cafeteria and the vending areas of the student lounges in both the Main building and Brady Hall. Service Systems is a young corporation with an excellent reputation in the college and university market; it is also serving IIT.

Your President, faculty and administration will continue to work to provide an academic program of high quality, to strengthen curriculum planning including patient care experience, and to provide for you a comfortable, satisfying environment. Have a successful, productive year!

## SA NEWS

by Carl Maschauer, SA President

Once again, a new year has begun, and the Student Association, is playing a big part in it. This year has the promise of being one of the best ever here at ICO. The changes that the college is making will hopefully help to bring changes in the Student Body attitude, mainly pride in our school and our profession.

Enough of what the school has done — here are some of the things that the Student Association is doing. We are planning the usual fall/spring picnics, winter dance, continued involvement in academics policy, a new and better newspaper, an AOSA trip to Houston in January, intramurals, the equipment fair, a fall boat trip, a few noon-time speakers, a possible yearbook, and many other ideas. All of the things that the Student Association sponsors come from the small activity fee the students pay each quarter. Although we can't please everyone all of the time, we certainly hope you feel that you get your money's worth.

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, either contact your class representatives or come to our weekly meetings (Tuesday noons in Rodriguez Auditorium). This is your school and your Student Association. They will only improve if you care enough to take the time to help.

by Coleen Hose

In order for the students at ICO to gain all the benefits from AOSA, more Local Committee Chairpersons and Liaisons are needed. Are you interested in strengthening our profession politically, economically, and in providing a

## REFOCUSED

This year begins a new look for the FOCUS. We hope that all of the members of our "community" at ICO are pleased with our efforts.

It is our intention to continue to upgrade the FOCUS. However, we need help. We welcome contributions of articles (fact), letters to the editors (opinion), or general interest news about students or faculty. Any time that you could give — even as little as one hour every two weeks — would help. We need help from faculty, staff, and students — this is a school newspaper, not just a student newspaper. If you like the new FOCUS, or would like to see an even better one, let us know. Help us out — we all deserve a paper which we can read with pride.

The FOCUS invites contributors. All contributions must be signed, and all published materials will include the author's name. We reserve the right to edit all materials and to publish advertising at our own discretion.

Editor-in-Chief: Cindy Fencken, Box 133  
Editor-in-Chief: Rodney Schpok

The Student Auxiliary invites all ICO students and their guests to attend a HALLOWEEN PARTY which is being planned for Saturday, October 25. The party, which will include music, beer and snacks, and prizes for the best single's and couple's costumes, will be held from 8 to 12 p.m. in Rodriguez. Admission will be \$2 per person.

Mark the date on your calendar and begin planning your costume for the HALLOWEEN PARTY — OCTOBER 25!

## HARVEST MOON CRUISE

On the evening of Sept. 25, 275 lucky landlubbers will be able to spend 3 hours of unparalleled pleasure aboard the H.M.S. MARLIN — an "exclusively rustic" tour boat that will be replete with beer, punch, music, and munchies. As the sun sets in the west, the tour boat turned party ship will be hoisting anchor to chug along Chicago's famed skyline. The waterfront view of the Windy City's twinkling panorama (with a full September moon in store) promises to be an unforgettable experience — one usually reserved for only the very wealthy or very elite. Due to the generosity of the ICO Student Association and the assistance of the ICO Women's Auxiliary, ticket prices have been slashed to the bone so that all of ICO "future" wealthy elites can afford to attend. The "Harvest Moon Cruise" is the event of the season. See you there!!!

## CALENDAR

September

- 25 — Boat Trip
- 26 — Fall Awards Assembly
- 26 — Alumni Meetings
- 28 — Fall Picnic
- 29 — Board of Trustee Meetings

October

- 16 — Equipment Fair
- 25 — Women's Auxiliary Halloween Party

December

- 12-14 — FAAO Annual Convention (Drake Hotel)

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**the Cure**

Are you troubled with the optometry blues? Tired of the same old one or two? Do you find yourself chanting, "Please release me, ICO"? Need a lift? Well, I've got it! I've taken the cure — a *National Convention* is the only thing keeping you from enthusiasm and more! This is where it's at — confident, dedicated people, all working to better the future outlook for us as students and OD's. By attending the AOSA meeting in Denver at the AOA Congress in June as the ICO trustee I met the other school's trustees and found their enthusiasm contagious.

After hearing each trustee's school report I got all kinds of wild ideas for ICO. I've listed only a few — read them and let me know what you think. Let's give something new a try.

**UHCO** — Houston — "Running Optometrists" club activities and participates in local and national meets. You can bet they will be staying in shape between exams!

**UAB** — Birmingham — They have a very active Public Health Committee. They organized and participated in an Older Americans Health Fair.

**SCO** — Memphis — They publish a school yearbook called "Scope". They also have a two day Optifair with exhibits, speakers, and a wine and cheese party. Sounds like a good combination to me!

**SCCO** — They also have a yearbook, "Reflex". The highlight of their year is

## CONTEST!

The American Optometric Student Association announced at the AOA Annual Congress a contest for a new logo to go along with their letterhead. An award of \$50 will go to the person whose logo is chosen. There must be a few talented doodlers out there who could use the money! When you come up with an eye-catching logo, give it to me or submit it to the President of AOSA. Then all the trustees will vote on the best logo at the 1981 AOSA Congress in Houston. The deadline is November 15, so make your doodles worthwhile when you are hard at the books, or fading away during a lecture...whichever time you doodle best!

## NEW FACES

We welcome many new additions to ICO this fall. Our apologies to any we may have missed or not known about at press time. Those who are not covered in this issue will appear in future issues.

**Karen Robertson and Sandy Goldberg**, both former clinic fellows, are now official faculty. Now on full-time from half-time is **Denny Kirscher**. Dr. Kirscher will be presenting the ortho-K seminar with Dr. Fontana later this year. He's interested in getting some ortho-K research started again at ICO — ortho-K was done here until 1977, when it was discontinued due to lack of appropriate follow-through. Kirscher also mentioned that he was selected for full-time status due to his high batting average during softball tournament play, as well as his ability as a basketball guard.

**Dr. Mark Pletz**, a 1979 ICO grad, returns to us as a clinic fellow. He has been working in the Chicagoland area, but wanted to further his education as well as follow his interest in teaching. He is interested in CLs, and has been seen quite often in the CL department this summer. He and his wife are expecting their first child in September.

**Dr. Tim Wingert**, also a grad, has spent the past year working in the western suburbs. He will continue his work

## Vision Care to the People, Service to the Students

by Coleen Howe

the annual awards banquet at the Disneyland Hotel. Can you imagine that? Just how far would it be to Disneyland? They also have had their Ocular Pharmacology moved to the fall quarter of their third year. They have started a Faculty Advisors Program — sounds good, but maybe we're getting enough advice as it is.

**OSU** — Columbus — OSU Women in Optometry sponsored a seminar "Optometry — a Women's Perspective" covering everything from financing a practice to blending your marriage, family, and profession. They also organize a AOSA Colorado Ski Trip for students after tests and before Christmas. Perhaps they could travel via Chicago and pick up ICO, too!

Now, about that tired, aching, optometry feeling you have...there's no need to wait until next June for the 1981 AOA congress in Las Vegas \$\$\$ or for '82 in Boston!! Start now — get involved — go to conventions — meet people. Better yet, make your plans for the AOSA Congress this January in Houston. Enjoy their finest display of that ole southern hospitality. Don't wait or it may be too late. You have to take care of those ICO Blues — they don't just go away.

The following students at ICO have been appointed to National and Local AOSA positions. I extend to them a special thanks and loads of encouragement in the year ahead. Those developing leadership for the future of our profession are...

**Lori Wassmann** — National AOSA Liaison for the American Optometric Foundation

**Frank D'Apolito** — National AOSA Consultant to the AOA Sports Vision Section

**Kevin Blair** — local AOSA chairperson for the Community Health Committee

**Roxann Robinson** — local AOSA chairperson for Women in Optometry

**Marietta Smith** — local AOSA liaison for Armed Forces Optometric Society

**Cecilia Carroll-Heiges** — 2nd year class AOSA Representative

there as well as his new part-time faculty abilities on the softball field as a "utility man", sporting a .700 batting average (?), mobility, and great speed. Generally, Wingert will be found in the modules, though he expresses some fondness for VT. He has two major hang-ups: you must write "Snellen" on the VA part of the exam sheet if you used the Snellen chart, and he likes to have the case number written on every page of the exam form.

**Ron Herskowitz**, also a 1979 graduate, will be a clinical associate this year. He will be seen on the aisle and possibly in the neuro lab. He has a private practice in Waukegan, consults for two retinal surgeons (affiliated with Northwestern's Ophthalmology Department), and has a variety of other duties. He hopes to see more individualized attention to students. If he's your staff in clinic, be sure to do applanation pressures on everyone as well as a thorough slit lamp exam.

We also welcome **Dr. Ford**, who comes to us from Australia; **Dr. Dennis Siemsen**, often found in dispensing; **Dr. Tracy Williams**, often seen in the infant clinic; **Dr. Gwen Wooden**, and pathology instructors **Dr. R. Campagnine**, **Dr. E. Arana**, and **Dr. V. Bychkov**.

## HELP!

**Wanted:** Students with Superior Board Results (or at least a few of the answers).

**Why:** ICO needs to compile our suggested answers.

**Reason:** So that all optometry schools' class brains can come up with a booklet of answers — even though the answers might not be there.

**When:** Real, real, real, soon.

last year as a benefit of AOSA we received PCO's suggested board answers. It was great of them to share their results with us, but unfortunately we all don't agree with what they came up with, so this year every school will submit their answers and they will be compiled and returned to us. OK ICO, let's crank out those answers and show 'em what we know.

**Help needed desperately.** Contact Coleen Howe, Box 215

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ICO welcomes Mr. Tony Rozum, the new director of the dispensing module. Rozum began work at ICO June 16th, after an extensive search and a final decision among six serious, qualified contenders. Dr. Derrald Taylor, Director of the clinic, stated that Rozum was chosen for the position due to his experience in opticianry (both field and bench work) and because he has previously been involved in teaching situations.

Rozum is originally from Watertown, South Dakota, and has made his home in Chicago for the past three years. He has had a variety of work experience, including three years of teaching and research in biophysics and ophthalmic physics at Wayne State University's Kresge Eye Institute. Most recently, he trained opticians in all areas of dispensing.

Rozum is enthusiastic about his new job, and we welcome him to ICO. We look forward to seeing the changes in dispensing and to working with him.

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## the little BLACK BOOK

by Thomas R. Stelmack, O.D.

This is the first in a series of articles by Dr. Stelmack on "clinical tidbits". Clip them out and put them into the proverbial "black book"!

### DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF MONOCULAR DIPLOPIA

#### OPTICAL/REFRACTIVE:

Large corrected or uncorrected astigmatic error.

Inappropriate bifocal segment placement.

Spectacle lens aberration.

Excessive pantoscopic tilt.

High refractive error.

#### CORNEAL:

Epithelial defect near line of sight.  
 Bowman's or stromal scar near line of sight.

Irregular astigmatism.

Keratoconus.

Pterygium.

Vascularization.

Interstitial keratitis.

Punctate Subepithelial Infiltrate near line of sight.

#### IRIS:

Polycoria.

Dyscoria.

Aniridia/coloboma.

Iridodialysis.

Iris atrophy.

#### LENS:

Partial or complete dislocation.  
 Cataracts (especially PSC and nuclear vacuoles).

Lens tilting (anatomical or secondary to dislocation).

#### VITREOUS:

Seldom etiology of monocular diplopia.

#### FUNDUS:

Macular edema (CSR, BRVO, BDO, Commotio retinae).

Foveoretinitis.

Choroidal striae from retrobulbar mass lesion.

CME

Cysts in juvenile x-linked retinoschisis.

SMD (any stage).

Large confluent drusen.

#### FUNCTIONAL:

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# NOSA

by Joyce Ramsue

The 12th annual National Optometric Association convention was held July 8-13, 1980 at the Hyatt and Palmetto Dunes Resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C. The Southern Region, as the host region for this convention, utilized fully its resources in the planning of an exciting convention program for our professional and educational stimulation as well as our social enjoyment. The keynote speaker during the awards luncheon was the distinguished Ms. E. Bernice Johnson, Director of Primary Health Care at HEW. Speaking at the Founders Banquet was the Honorable Senator Julian Bond. Attending the convention from ICO were Melody Bradshaw and Joyce Ramsue.

The NOA was organized in 1969 in Richmond, Virginia, to increase minority optometric manpower by recruitment and retention. It sponsors an emergency Student Loan Fund, funds for tutorial services, community workshops and other services to minority optometrists and students.

Each year at the awards luncheon the NOA recognizes the "Optometry Student of the Year" with a plaque commemorating that honor. This year our very own Dr. Rose Gregory, a 1980 graduate, was the recipient of the award. The student is selected by recommendations from optometrists on the basis of

## NBEO (BOREDS?)

research aspects of student's academic performances.

The existing numerical rating of items and sections may be dropped and the issue of relative importance addressed by differential length and cut-off scores. The NBEO will also study the performance of candidates on both criterion and norm-referenced evaluations. Schools and Colleges of Optometry are encouraged to research NBEO performance vs academic performance.

In addition, several recommendations concerning review of item analysis data for scoring were considered.

All students should follow the activities of the NBEO — *changing the NBEO can change your future* — for better or worse.

You can receive a copy of the Newsletter by writing to: NBEO, 5530 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Suite 950; Washington, DC; 20015

## Phi Theta Upsilon

by Rodney Schpok

PTU that printed an official monthly newsletter keeping all members informed of all these activities?

After such a successful year, can we possibly repeat? With a core of twenty-five returning members under the leadership of President Mike Lamb, Vice-President Tim McAuliffe, Secretary Rodney Schpok, and Treasurer Joyce Ramsue, we plan to see the 1980-81 school year filled with even more community and social involvement for PTUers.

The best part of belonging to PHI THETA UPSILON may very well rest in the friendships between members. There are so few ways that exist for us to meet students from other classes. By being a PTU member, this class segregation is overcome as our membership is made up of all four years. Knowing upperclassmen to get advice from can be extremely beneficial, as well as being able to advise those in the classes below.

Is PTU for you? Perhaps. We're looking for creative and innovative people who want to round out their academic careers with some social and community involvement. Membership in PTU is open to all. Feel free to talk to any of the officers and watch the magical PTU showcase across from the mailboxes for the continuing 1980-81 Phi Theta Upsilon saga.

# CL PATHOLOGY

by Neil Hodur, O.D.

Case Report: Fourth Year Interns

Diagnosis: Chronic Contact Lens Problems

Status: In the opinion of the contact lens faculty there are many insufficiencies and deficiencies in the mode of contact lens care. These problems are not encountered on every case, but in alarming numbers.

### Symptoms:

1. Unfamiliarity with stated and written contact lens policies.
- a. Lack of explanation of contact lens insurance to patient.
- b. Use of chemical or rigid lens solutions on hydrophilic lenses, instead of preserved saline.
- c. Lack of explanation of stated refund policy to patient, with accompanying signature on the proper form.
2. Lack of intern diagnostic ability in discussing contact lens cases with faculty members.
3. Lack of knowledge in patient explanation of proper rigid and hydrophilic lens care.
4. Lack of full documentation in case write-up.
5. Lack of data in case screening information.

### Mode of Therapy:

1. To increase familiarity with contact lens policies, updating will be presented in all 4th year contact lens seminars, as well as announced noon meetings with the class and/or officers throughout the year.
- a. Insurance: It is not the role of the intern to decide whether or not the patient obtains contact lens insurance. The facts are presented and the patient decides.
- b. Discontinue the use of anything other than heat disinfection solutions on clinic hydrophilic lenses. Their use may result in damage to those lenses. Exception: Softcon® — chemical only.
- c. Obtain patient signature on the proper refund form, found in the Guide to Successful Contact Lens Wear booklet. Explanation of the policy is mandatory and must be presented to the attending faculty member before an order is authorized.
2. To increase diagnostic commitment to a contact lens case, a faculty may choose not to issue SCU credit in cases where unfamiliarity with a contact lens case is evidenced. More "in room" observation will be occurring during the academic year.
3. Faculty observation and rating on contact lens material delivery will be increased. In situations where inadequate dispensing occurs, withholding of SCUs will occur.
4. Faculty scrutiny will increase over case write-up. Proper documentation will be encouraged. This would include any patient contact over the telephone being entered into the case record, along with faculty signature.

5. All pertinent data, as expressed in the case record form, will be expected to be complete. In situations where this is not performed, the student will be expected to complete the diagnostic and history portions of the case record before any contact lens procedures are employed. Proper data includes:

- a. Complete name, address, state, etc.
- b. Complete medical Hx as applied to contact lenses.
- c. Complete observation of the anterior eye and adnexa, including TBUT, tear analysis, and possibly conjunctival smear and analysis. The latter is performed with the Diff Quick stain technique.

**Prognosis:** Very good, if the mode of therapy guideline is used every day. Increased patient satisfaction and intern knowledge will occur.

**Sequella:** As the academic year approaches, so should knowledge in contact lens clinical theory and care. As experiences in contact lenses increases, so does the confidence level. The major goal is to continue to produce the finest clinicians in all aspects of optometric technique, and to insure that all interns have more than adequate knowledge to manage contact lens cases in private practice.

**Ed. note:** We mentioned that the staff might inquire as to the intern's current status in contact lenses... some interns just haven't had the experience yet to be docked SCUs for trying their hardest. Staff replied that it was not their intention to dock interns for their lack of experience, but that there have been many cases of lack of knowledge of basic principles.

## Contact Lens Society

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the new officers of the Collegiate Society For the Advancement of Contact Lens Care. Our society enlists the aid of speakers to inform our members about the current knowledge and the latest developments in the field of contact lenses.

Membership is again \$7.00 and limited to third and fourth year interns. Membership entitles you to admission to guest lecturers and visiting company presentations, a reduction in various contact lens journals, a certificate for those members who attend 70% of scheduled meetings (qualifying members are responsible for certificate cost), and clinical tutorial service for CL related problems.

Since there is a large turn out for our Pizza and Beer meetings, we must allow only members and faculty to attend. Membership cards will be issued after a check is received for \$7.00. Checks should be made out to the "Collegiate Society for the Advancement of Contact Lens Care" and placed in Box 393. An attendance sheet will be posted at every meeting which all members should sign in order to receive credit for attending the meeting.

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# SMUT & STUFF

The illustrious faculty who are devoted to smut, gossip, slander, libe and the ultimate embarrassment of anyone and everyone suggested this column. Anonymous "hot tips" will be accepted, as well as information on marriages, engagements, births, deaths, etc.

We extend our sympathy to Dr. Dave Dufeck and Dr. Jan Jurkus whose fathers died in early July.

Congratulations to John (fourth year) and Pat Salisbury on the July birth of their daughter Erin Marie; to Maggie Magee and Bob Heyden (both fourth year) on their summer wedding; to Dick Irwin (fourth year) on his marriage; and to Doug Spvrison (also fourth year) on

his marriage. Best wishes to Dr. Karen Robertson on her upcoming October wedding and to Dr. Dominick Maino on his impending marriage. Congratulations also to Drs. Greenspan and Weisz on the birth of their son.

*Now the smut (sorry, we couldn't collect too much this time):*

What faculty broke ties this summer and is in the process of courting a former student? Who is finally getting divorced after a seven-year separation? Which two faculty members were married this summer — to each other? What faculty member(s) have had as many as twenty books checked out of the ICO library — for over two years?

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Trying to find a staff doctor, finding one who's covering five other modules, not knowing who your staff is (on vacation, no replacement)...waiting in line with your patient at the payment window while you're already 15 minutes late for your next patient...not having anyone to run the bookstore while Bea is gone, except for two hours a day...not having an assigned replacement for your vacationing VTC...the air-conditioning going off for days at a time...getting paged 15 minutes *before* your assigned time with the patient...having staff in CLs give you a hard time because they think you've already fit 10 or 20 patients and this is your first or second...interns that disregard the VT rules and manage to take equipment home that never gets returned...not being able to get a JCC for Low Vision (and the Bookstore hasn't had any since April)...an infant exam where the kid pokes you in the eye or scratches your assistant...screaming kids in the lounge...

## 3 Cheers!

Having a staff doctor who stays overtime so that you don't have to hunt to find another one...a pat on the back for doing a good job with your patient...Tony fixing up a mess you made in dispensing...interns that lend you JCCs and don't even ask for them back right away...days the air-conditioning did work...the guy from the old food service in the lounge who gave out free donuts and milk on his last day here...an intern who has a noshow helping you out with a problem patient...a smile from anyone...being able to sit down...Peggy getting your letter typed as quickly as you need it...

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## Omega Delta

by Robert Jacobs

The members of Omega Delta and myself would like to welcome all of you to ICO for another year. I'm sure this year will be just as memorable as any others and will produce its share of confusion, disappointments, amazements, etc.

Last year, as a third year student, I joined Omega Delta Fraternity to increase not only my social activities but also my contact with students of other classes. I felt almost immediately that it was a good decision. Among the following activities during the school year, the fraternity paid for all or most of the expenses: canoeing trip and picnic on the Fox River, Second City, ski trip to Wisconsin (two days), dinner theater, Halloween party, Christmas party, rush party at a North Side bar, and a graduation banquet (sit down dinner and entertainment).

This summer we've already had a picnic, and a trip to Great America is planned for early fall. Anyone interested is more than welcome to join the group in going the Great America.

I also enjoyed the contact I had with fourth year students. I was able to refer to them many of the patients during the course of the year, while they were able to refer many patients back to me just before their graduation. Watch for more details about the rush party in the school paper or the box across from the mail boxes. Although Omega Delta is called a fraternity, membership is open to both men and women. For more information, please contact any of the following: Mario Palermo (President), Robert Jacobs (Vice-President), Holly Hanbaum (Secretary-Treasurer), Larry Magnuson and Charles Schulte (Social Directors), Joe D'egiorgio and Tom Bobst (Historians), or Bob Blumthal (Chaplain).



"Powerhouse Dr. Yuzo Chino bats to a Waiting Kurt Wilkening as Dr. Denny Kirscher watches."

*The names in this story are printed as given. We asked staff doctor Bruce Teitelbaum if he wanted to write a story from the staff's point of view — but none was submitted.*

The student-faculty doubleheader held on July 27th turned out to be a good time for the students — and surprisingly, for the faculty. The first game was hard-fought thru the seven tough innings. The students narrowly eeked out an 18-8 victory on a fine pitching performance by Tim Cineck and the barehanded no-mitt fielding efforts of Randy Sake. Other fine moments were Dr. Chino's Fabulous Fielding Frolics in turning in a double play, with help from Dr. Hodur and the deep-deep left

field coverage by Dr. Teitelbaum and his trusty tree (ask anyone about the one!).

The nite-cap was the faculty's dream come true. The win, a flimsy 8-7 last inning fluke, is not one for the faculty to feel confident about. First of all, it looked as if they had two players at each position (at least to the students). Secondly, the students played most of the second game with sore elbows and full bellies. Finally, it was later revealed that each student that committed an error received two SCUs per error. Lane Nutty received his summer SCU requirements that afternoon.

Staff had better prepare for the fall series — the students only plan on having a pony keg for the next doubleheader.

## ● PERSONALS ●

FREE personals to students and faculty...next FOCUS; deadline will be posted on class bulletin boards.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments for the Alumni Association direct them to me, Joyce Miller, box 271.

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Ideas for fund-raising for the 4th-year class' 100 Day Party are welcome. Contact Mark Davis or Randy Houdek.

by Joyce Miller

neutralize glasses that have been donated by churches, service clubs, and charity groups. These glasses are then prescribed to the people examined on the eye care missions. The trips to the third world countries are made by students of the fourth year class who have donated 40 hours of their time to SVOSH. The domestic trips are reserved for first, second, and third year students who have also spent 40 hours working for SVOSH. To find out more about SVOSH activities a short synopsis of all the SVOSH trips have been compiled into a scrapbook that is available from Joyce Miller.

If you're interested in joining a group that's worthwhile, fun, and full of opportunities, come to the O.O. Lab at noon any day or contact one of the SVOSH officers: Sandy Block and Liz Cook, Co-chairpersons; Mary Meernik, Secretary; Gary Edwards, Treasurer; and Joyce Miller, Public Relations.

SVOSH members are always ready to accept an opportunity to speak to church groups, civic organizations or other clubs about their cause. A slide show is being updated and will be available for SVOSH presentations. If you know of an interested group, contact Joyce Miller.

## SVOSH!

Get in on all the action and fun right from the beginning this year! The members of the Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (SVOSH) invite you to join in their efforts to provide vision care to third world countries. Since the beginning of its existence in 1977, SVOSH has participated with other state SVOSH organizations in over a dozen eye care missions to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. Last year SVOSH also helped in a visual screening project for children on several Indian Reservations in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. A trip was also made to the Redbird Mission and Henderson Settlement in the Appalachian Mountains where SVOSH members conducted a program on eye care education, as well as a screening project. SVOSH made the initial contacts for an externship program that is being conducted presently in North and South Dakota with the Indian Health Service. Currently arrangements are also being made by Liz Cook for a screening project on the Dakota reservations for this fall that will involve first, second and third year students.

SVOSH meets everyday at noon in the O.O. Lab to clean, straighten, and

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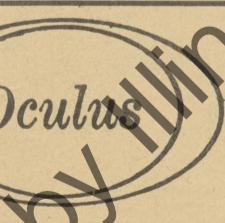
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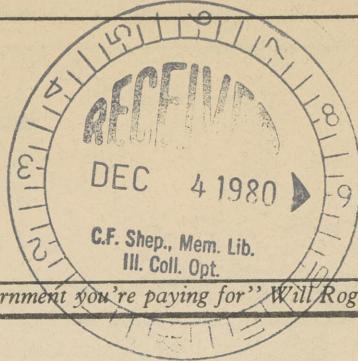


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"Just be glad you're not getting all the government you're paying for" Will Rogers II, Jr.



## REAGAN WINS AT ICO!

The official ICO "Mock" Presidential Election sponsored by the PHI THETA UPSILON Fraternity brought 369 voters to the polls. With 100% of the precincts reporting, Republican Ronald Reagan has been declared the winner with a popular vote tally of 132. This represents 35.8% of the votes cast.

Finishing a strong second was Independent John Anderson with 111 votes or 30.1%. Third place went to Democrat Jimmy Carter gathering only 89 votes for 24.1%. Ed Clark, the Libertarian candidate received ten votes (2.7%). The remaining 7.9% were split between Barry Commoner, Gerald Ford, and many others.

An exclusive "Larson Poll" following the election broke down the voters into the following categories: 58 first year, 65 second year, 111 third year, and 93 fourth year students. Forty-two faculty and staff voted.

Special thanks go to all those who took part in the election as well as to the PTU Fraternity for making it possible.

## CHICAGO: OPEN YOUR EYES TO IT!

### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

by Rodney Schpok

This is for all the new first year students from far away places and upper-classmen who may have closed their eyes to this city. Why not keep an open mind to the time you must spend in Chicago? It is one of the truly great cities of the world and its offerings are unlimited.

Sure, you may be used to the familiar surroundings of home, whether it be a quaint eastern seaboard city, or fast-paced west coast. Now you are going to school in the windy city - try to take in some of its benefits.

There are seemingly infinite restaurants to choose from as well as live theatre, movies, museums, concerts, parks, parades, shopping, and even bars. Any good bookstore will have publications pointing out these activities. *Chicago Magazine* and newspapers are also good places to survey the scene. If you make the small effort involved, it is really easy to know what's going on in the city. On Fridays pick up a copy of the free weekly *The Reader* at ICO as it details much of the doings here.

If feel sorry for those who come to Chicago hating it before they give it a chance. I admit there are problems here and our school isn't located in the hub of activities. But we really aren't that far from the downtown loop and near north. So learn what you came here for, but at the same time try to experience the city as this in itself can be just as valuable a learning experience. Surely a city the size of Chicago has something to interest you!!

Note from the Chicago Symphony: Evidently there is some confusion as to what discounts are offered to students and staff. Only students receive a discount. One of our students was told by Symphony personnel that this has been a problem.

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The Halloween Party which was scheduled for Saturday, October 25, was postponed. On December 6, the Halloween Party will masquerade as a CHRISTMAS PARTY in Rodriguez Hall. Plan to begin your holiday season in a festive manner with a dance band, beer, punch, snacks, and prizes. Mark your calendars now for the school CHRISTMAS PARTY on Saturday, December 6, and watch future issues of the Focus for further details.

by Liz Cook

I want to tell you about a unique opportunity for clinical experience in optometry which is also, according to the participating interns, "a good time." If that sounds like a contradiction in terms, i.e. "optometry" plus "good time," talk to one of the twenty-two 3rd and 4th year interns who participated in a program with the Indian Health Service in North and South Dakota. This week-long experience counted as an affiliated clinic. Some interns stayed for up to one month. This past August and September, students examined school age children, ages 4-18, in a program designed to identify Indian children in need of eye care. Under the supervision of an optometrist, each student examined approximately 10-12 children each day. Interns operated on a much more independent basis than here at the ICO Clinic, and most interns felt this to be a positive aspect of the program. Exams were done in fully equipped trailers converted to mobile examination rooms.

Students had time to enjoy themselves and escape the "big city" routine, and more than one group was able to spend some time in the Black Hills. The Indian Health Service provided transportation coast (flying or driving) and a \$17.00 per day stipend for living expenses. Student VOSH sponsored the program this year, and coordinated the organization of the trips.

I could tell you how the interns felt it was one of the more valuable experiences they had since coming to ICO, or how they really learned to rely on their retinoscopy and other objective tests, or how they enjoyed the interaction with all different types of children, but I think you should ask them yourself if you're interested. These are the people who participated, and I'm sure they would be glad to talk to you about it.

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"HOW SWEET IT IS"

## PICNIC NEWS

The ICO Fall Picnic provided fun and excitement as Dave Schanes won the pie-in-the-face raffle. Dr. Nelson was the good-natured intended victim.

Schanes also won the pie-eating contest, barely beating out Jim Kriegel.

The egg toss was won by the team of Carl Maschauer and Mark Hassinger.

### WISCONSIN CLUB

by J. Eric Paulsen

The WOSA has kicked off the 80-81 year with a bang! Behind a strong nucleus including Jerry Blaschke, President; Steve LaLiberte, Vice-President; Paul Wagner, Treasurer; and Eric Paulsen, Secretary. The Wisconsin Club threw a spectacular introduction party earlier this year. Over 100 members and nonmembers stopped into the affair for a few beers, sodas, and laughs. The introductory party is thrown to introduce the freshmen to one another and to members of the other classes. A healthy Wisconsin attitude prevailed, and fun was had by all.

As October loomed closer and closer, WOSA members made it clear that a second gala affair was needed. So with the aid of Steve LaLiberte who obtained the main course, WOSA sponsored its first annual Brat Fry. Over 300 brats, lots of beer and pop were devoured on a beautiful Friday afternoon. A Second "Fry" may be held in the spring due to the fantastic reception of our first.

Various topics throughout the year will also be brought to you as WOSA brings to ICO best speakers around. On Thursday, December 11th, WOSA will be presenting Dr. Irving Borish in Rodriguez Hall. Many other speakers are currently being sought and we hope to contact members of the Wisconsin Status Board of Examiners to speak to those interested students on the status of the Wisconsin boards.

Many more exciting events are in the air, so if you have any questions feel free to contact any officer of the club.

### SENIOR RESEARCH

by Peter Weal

The senior project on which you are now working is document of more importance than you may realize. It will be treated as a genuine contribution to optometric and scientific knowledge. A copy will be put into the library's collection, where it will be catalogued and kept available for use by the entire optometric profession, or anyone else who may need or want to consult it. Lists of the year's Senior Projects are sent each year to the libraries of the American Optometric Association and the Southern California College of Optometry.

And they are read outside this college! Between a quarter and a third of the items borrowed from your library by other libraries consists of senior projects. Some of the borrowers are very prominent persons indeed. This year, Drs. James R. Gregg, Siret Jaanus, and Henry Hofstetter head the list of optometric notables who have borrowed I.C.O. senior projects; still others have done so in previous years.

Keep this in mind when you work on your project.

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# — EDITORIALS —

by Rodney Schpok

Recent dealings concerning the Student Association, notetaking service, 1980 ICO Class, and 1981 Senior Class officers have left a cloud of unanswered questions over the ICO community. To those of you in the dark, the scenario goes as follows.

The week before graduation last May, the 1980 senior class received a check from last years notetaking service director Scott Browne in the amount of \$850.00. This money had in no way been authorized by Student Association and was in fact at the discretion of the director himself. Following graduation, some of this money was leftover and given to this years senior class officers.

As this academic year began, Student Notetaking Director Vince Facchiano found that the service was indeed in debt with several bounced checks. Student Association president Carl Maschauer then took up the task of finding the facts. In questioning last years SA officers, they admitted having known about the money on the day of graduation, yet they and failed to inform Maschauer and other newly elected SA officers. As for the leftover funds, 1981 senior class treasurer Aaron Janis also withheld information on the transfer. It was not until Dean of Students Greg Petty stepped in that Janis revealed he had received funds from last years senior class after graduation. What followed was a vote by this years senior class to return that money to the notetaking service since it had been given without authorization and had indeed contributed to the indebtedness of the service itself.

To add insult to injury, following the graduation reception last May, the leftover cases of champagne, partially paid for by the notetaking donation, were appropriated by Aaron Janis. This happened despite the promise to all those helping at graduation that they would be able to split up the leftovers. The champagne was instead stored all summer and finally raffled off by this years senior class (under the direction of Janis) as a fund raising effort.

After all the information was finally compiled, I couldn't help but be left with a few questions. First, the graduation money incident might not have happened had the student notetaking service director been under stricter constraints

with the notetaking finances. It is my understanding that the director of the service has uncontested autonomy over the service's financial accounts. Hasn't this incident indicated that a change is needed here? A change other than simply auditing the books (which wasn't done last year anyway).

Second, why wasn't this years student association president informed earlier as to the transfer of funds? Any why did he have such a difficult time extracting the truth? Was there a deliberate intention on the part of some of this years senior class officers to hide the fact that they received leftover money from last years class? Isn't it the students right to know how notetaking funds are appropriated?

And why were those underclassmen who gave their time to help during graduation denied the leftover champagne that they were promised? Was it the original intention of Aaron Janis not to split up the leftovers, when in fact it had been agreed upon prior to that day. By what right was the champagne, bought by last years class, taken for next years use?

Exposing this incident now can not change what has already occurred, but it is my hope that after answering these and other questions, measures will be taken to prevent the same thing from happening in the future.

## Commentary

by Cindy Fencken

It seems to me that there was and is some fundamental miscommunication as well as animosity between the groups involved. Unfortunately, it's very hard to get to the bottom of things. But it is obvious that promises were made and broken; funds were misappropriated by the previous director of the notetaking service; and it seemed as though no one was willing or able to communicate with anyone else in order to locate the missing funds. Instead of school unity, we have opposing factions, instead of openness, we see deceit and lies, and instead of the students knowing what's happening in their own student association, they find themselves completely unaware. There's something terribly wrong here — and I think it's a damn shame.

## UNDERBOOKED

by Cindy Fencken

Has anyone else noticed that certain library books (in rather large numbers) are missing from the library and being held in the care of ICO's professors? I used to follow "protocol" and dutifully track down the book or article I wanted and use it for its intended purpose. However, as time goes by, I am becoming increasingly disturbed by faculty library abuse.

I do not wish to infer that only faculty abuse the library — unfortunately, students are also guilty. But student library abuse has resulted in affirmative administrative action (note the new electronic gates), while faculty abuse does not seem to rate such concern.

Faculty are free to check out reserve books (those books deemed necessary or required for current classes, often in short supply) without the overnight time limitations imposed on students. Often several students are placed in the position of trying to get the needed book returned to the library, then fighting to be able to use it. Generally (I have found) the book or article is returned approximately two to six days after it is requested, causing an unforeseen backup at the circulation desk, as well as occasional episodes of student panic.

Numerous (although not all) faculty possess books checked out years ago. But why are the books needed for that length

of time — and if they are needed so consistently, shouldn't they be purchased rather than removed from circulation? Fines on these long-overdue books are not required — faculty are exempt from rules governing student library use. Most will return a book if requested to do so, but this may take several days as well as activity on the student's part. Should the work done to return a book to its rightful place be the student's responsibility?

Perhaps the most straightforward solution would be voluntary compliance to the library regulations by faculty. Barring this, compulsory compliance should be initiated and strengthened by the use of fines or similar deterrents to abuse.

Student tuition money should provide the right and privilege to use a professional library. Faculty are not only instructors who should consider the availability of learning materials to be of prime importance, but future colleges who should desire to help students in their academic endeavors. All too often we become the opposing factors of "student" and "faculty", each group continually losing respect for the other. Perhaps resolution of this issue will generate respect, instead of forfeiting it.

I would appreciate the comments of faculty regarding the contents of this editorial.

## OPINION

by Carol V. Emmel-Marusich

This was an open letter submitted to the administration.

This letter is intended to stress a number of important financial considerations which I feel are not being properly evaluated in the present estimate of fourth year student finances. While tuition and living expenses are applicable to all students here at ICO, there are other "necessities" which demand the attention and funds of only fourth year students. The most obvious of these include externships and state boards. With the present system of funding evaluation, all of the students assets are theoretically deducted from a standard hypothetical budget thereby determining the student's need.

The major inconsistency in this formula lies in the fact that the present hypothetical fourth year budget fails to realistically reflect all necessary expenditures. Omission of the aforementioned necessities from budget consideration, along with the tapping of all noted personal funds, are points of great concern to many of our students. If, as presently calculated, all personal and financial aid funds are to be applied only toward tuition and living expenses, how are we then to be expected to finance externships and state boards? Some state boards require sponsorship or recommendations from practicing members of the state association. Compliance in these cases requires at least two trips to the state; one to establish relationships with practitioners willing to sponsor or recommend the applicant, usually

at graduation with degree in hand, and this fact must be recognized. Included in this year's budget with tuition, fees and living expenses, should also be state board and externship expenses. This would be a more realistic representation of our true budgeting and financial needs. Once these true needs are recognized realistic plans to alleviate these deficits can then be proposed and examined on an individual basis.

### Specific Requests:

Provide a realistic fourth year budget which includes all fourth year expenses.

Allow students to propose, in writing, costs of externships and state boards so that some student assets can be allotted to cover these areas.

Provide, on an individual basis, tuition payment options which will allow students to complete their degree and licensure requirements similar to the deferred late payment schedules accepted in the first three years at ICO.

## • HUMOR •

by Mark Spankowski

Q: What would Crystal Gayle ask if she developed Fuch's Heterochromic Iridocyclitis?

A: "Don't it make my brown eyes blue?"

Two recent immigrants in an optometrist's reception area were talking about former leaders in their countries — Spain's Juan Carlos and South Vietnam's Nguyen Thieu. The optometrist, who had overheard their conversation, asked, "Which is better, Juan or Thieu?"

## PASSING THE BUCK

by Jim Levinson

We often talk and condemn the bait and switch advertising done by the various optical shops. I am sad to report that such a situation exists at school.

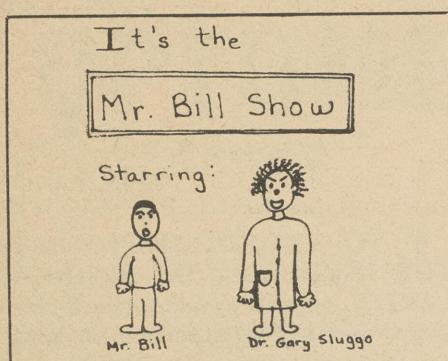
On Oct. 28, 1980, CSIOA sponsored a talk featuring Dr. Getz. I was informed upon entering that a membership in CSIOA or a \$1.00 fee was required. CSIOA posted many notices promoting this lecture. However, none of these notices made mention that a fee was required. Let us not be so fast to criticize others when this practice exists right here. Professionalism begins at school!

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## REFUGEE RELIEF

From the Office of Public Affairs

More than 25,000 northern Thailand villagers and location refugees will soon receive their first optometric care, thanks to the efforts of a Wisconsin organization and a student and an alumna from the Illinois College of Optometry.

Dr. Denise Thanepohn, a 1980 graduate of ICO from Oswego, Ill., and Joyce Miller, a fourth-year student at the college, will leave for the Ban Nam Yao refugee camp the second week in October. A nutritionist will accompany them, and they will join Australian and French physicians, British dentists and Irish nurses in Thailand for the international health care effort.

The Illinois College of Optometry, says Miller, is the first optometric school to cooperate with the Wisconsin Indo-China Refugee Relief, which arranged for the trip. The college donated 500 pairs of glasses to the effort. Glasses and equipment were also donated by other organizations.

In addition to providing much needed health care, Miller says "The trip will be a great interprofessional opportunity for optometry to participate with other health care professionals.

Miller says the refugee relief group contacted ICO after hearing of similar overseas efforts arranged by the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH).

She and Dr. Thanepohn will spend five weeks in Thailand, seeing patients in the Tom Dooley Hospital in the refugee camp and in the surrounding villages. "Our goal is to see everyone," says Miller.

They will perform basic vision screening and retinoscopy (to determine the strength and type of corrective lenses). They will also dispense the donated glasses and do pathological screening, which will assess the need for later treatment by ophthalmologist for eye disease.



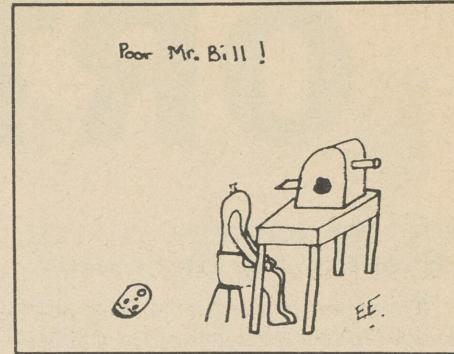
## AOA DENVER CONVENTION

Plans to attend next year's A.O.A. Annual Convention in Las Vegas began as we drove home from this year's convention in Denver. Carl Maschauer, Colleen Howe, and I (later joined by summer Coloradan Kirk Schott) spent six great days at the 83rd Congress of the A.O.A. in late June.

After an all-night drive across dull Nebraska, arriving in Denver in the early morning, the whirlwind of fun began. Days were filled with all of the various happenings — Colleen attended daily A.O.S.A. meetings, while Carl and Kirk attended the House of Delegates meeting.

I had no commitments so I was able to attend not only the A.O.S.A. and House and Delegates meetings, but also some of the educational lectures which were of excellent quality. Among the more notable lecturers, I listened to Dr. Francis Young, who at the Annual Banquet was awarded A.O.A.'s highest honor, the Apollo Award. He spoke on the "Nature of Myopia". I also heard part of a lecture by Dr. Irvin Borish on "binocular Refraction", which soon overwhelmed my first year knowledge. I spent some leisurely time wandering around the elaborate exhibit hall, collecting oodles of freebies — three bagfuls in all.

Then came the evenings. After a few minutes of recovery from the busy days, we would gear up for the evening adventures. Some nights had organized activities, such as the President's Reception the first night we were there. Here we first met the president of the A.O.A. Dr. Levin, and also Dr. Bucar from Illinois, who was later elected as the A.O.A. secretary-treasurer. Another night was the Latimer Square Stroll, which is a renovated square of old buildings in downtown Denver. Carl and Kirk showed their abilities here as square dancers, while Colleen and I enjoyed the antics of a clown.



One of the most valuable and enjoyable experiences we had was meeting the students from other optometry colleges. We shared ideas, experiences and problems of our schools, and of our chosen profession. Not one night went by that someone didn't have a party in their room and we took our turn one night. We were graced by the appearance of Dr. Levin, the A.O.A. President, and his wife. It seemed to be impossible for someone not to enjoy themselves at these nightly parties. The friendliness of not only the students, but of all of the conventioneers was great, and we regretted to see the end of the convention approach.

Reflecting back, I feel as though I have gained more appreciation of the challenges and problems that affect not only our school, but other schools, and also of the issues facing the entire profession of optometry. I was encouraged with the competence and dedication of the national leaders and of the student leaders in searching for solutions. An experience such as this is tremendous for us as students and I encourage all students to attend their state and regional conventions, and hopefully an A.O.A. convention. I.C.O. tends to shelter us from some issues, while it also may exaggerate others and the only was for us as students to be truly knowledgeable is to talk with people involved with optometry outside of I.C.O. Conventions are a great way to accomplish this, while being guaranteed a heck of a good time.

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## FACULTY NEWS

The college has a new counselor. He is **Ernie Fitz-Hugh** and he will be at ICO Monday and Wednesday afternoons to provide services to students. Services will include improving grades, personal counseling, leadership skills, negotiating conflicts, relaxation techniques and communicating more effectively with patients. Mr. Fitz-Hugh is from Chicago and has 30 years of counseling experience. He and his wife Pat have two college-aged girls.

**Dr. Dominick Maino** will be a continuing education lecturer at the 58th Southern Educational Congress of Optometry and Exposition in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Maino will present his topic, "Visual Examination of the Infant and Exceptional Child," on Saturday, Feb. 25.

**Dr. Walter E. Humble**, part-time clinical assistant professor, was among those installed as an officer of the IOA at the Presidential Ball at Chateau Louise Sept. 30. He is serving his second term as vice-president of the organization.

**Dr. Derrald Taylor** was recently appointed to a three-year term on the advisory council of the Illinois School

for the Visually Impaired.

**Dr. Rosenbloom** left ICO Oct. 6 for a four-week trip, which will include a lecture tour in Australia.

Both the college and the full-service concept of optometry have gained prestige from ICO's involvement in the WMAQ-television Health Fairs, says Dr. Derrald Taylor, executive director of clinics. The station is sponsoring a series of health fairs throughout the Chicago area. Optometrists, working in a setting with other health care professionals, are giving vision screenings.

Dr. Taylor wished to especially thank Dr. Dominick Maino and students Dick Pesavento, Phillip Steiner and Robert Nyre for their involvement in the project.

**Dr. Maino** and intern **Peggy Stein** gave a two-hour in-service program for 25 volunteer vision screeners. The Chicago Board of Education sponsors the vision screeners so that yearly screenings can take place within the schools. After a 45-minute lecture and slide presentation, the group toured the ICO facilities and visited the clinic.

# ORTHOPTICS

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We know that the professional practice of Optometry is one of the public's most precious health care possessions; unfortunately, the public does not understand or appreciate it! If they did, our offices would be over-run with patients and the schools would find it impossible to train the number of graduates which would be required to fill the demand. Furthermore, if our country ever loses professional optometry it will NEVER be regained. It took thousands of idealistic Optometrists working very hard for the last several decades at great personal sacrifice, to bring Optometry to its present level of high competency and professionalism. This mass effort will never again be duplicated. Students should fully understand these truths and help actively fight for the preservation and advancement of the professional practice of optometry.

## PREPARE YOURSELF TO MAKE ORTHOPTICS A REGULAR PART OF YOUR PRACTICE

Whereas orthoptics should be a vital part of every practice, only a small minority of our profession is actually applying it. Those of us who are orthoptists and know the vast benefits patients derive from it, need to join together in encouraging all of our colleagues to become orthoptists and give their patients the full benefits of complete, up-to-date, vision care. Also we must prove to every under-graduate that they must become interested, proficient and devoted orthoptists.

## THE THREAT OF PROFESSIONAL OPTOMETRY LOSING ORTHOPTICS IS VERY SERIOUS

Professional Optometrists are the best ones qualified to practice orthoptics. However, if we ignore our responsibilities in this area, others will move in and we will foster the growth of another group of pseudo-optometrists and thus seriously further weaken Optometry. Let us not forget the bitter lessons we learned in contact lens practice. Because of our lethargy, we witnessed thousands of lay people taking a couple of evening courses in hotel rooms and then setting

up commercialized businesses with impressive looking "diplomas" certifying them as "contactologists". We are in great danger of committing the same errors with orthoptics. The need for orthoptics is real and great. If we do not answer the need, someone else will.

## LECTURE—WORKSHOPS ON VISION TESTING AND TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

I have given lecture-workshops all over this country and Europe during the last 42 years. Now that I have reached senior citizen status, I wish to pass on the knowledge and experience I've acquired, by presenting lecture-workshops to students who have teaching ability and would like to continue this important work. It is through such lecture-workshops that we can give students the kind of "Hands on" experience they need, to effectively practice orthoptics and fight the disaster invoked by bureaucratic regulations.

## IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO PRACTICE ORTHOPTICS REMEMBER

- ORTHOPTICS IS ONE OF YOUR BEST ANSWERS to the soaring:...Inflation...Taxes...Overhead...Recession.
- ORTHOPTICS WILL RE-CENT YOUR PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS which will be disrupted by bureaucratic regulations and the resultant growth of non-professional "quickie" practice. ORTHOPTICS IS ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. In fact, it is now vital. Thru it you can greatly increase your earnings which will be interfered with by the vast growth of "Quickie" practice.

## PLAN ON BEING A FULL SCALE ORTHOPTIST

A vast number of your patients, from pre-kindergarten to senior citizens, will benefit by orthoptics. Indeed, most all of your patients will be able to benefit from orthoptics!

## YOU MUST BE READY WITH TECHNOLOGY AND INSTRUMENTATION TO PRACTICE ORTHOPTICS FROM THE VERY

## RESERVATIONS, ANYONE?

by Jim Liebar

After serving six weeks in the ICO Clinic this summer, a plane ticket to anywhere would have been welcomed, even if it meant banishment to Devil's Lake, N.D. to fulfill the affiliated clinic assignment. A handful of third and fourth year students were sent there this summer to screen and test the eyes of Indian children on the Fort Totten Indian Reservation. Housed within a Winnebago and three trailers were four refracting lanes and a dispensary more basic than an Osco drugstore outlet. We refracted as many as 64 children per day. No visual therapy, no low vision, no contact lenses, and fortunately, no pathology. Bare bones optometry.

But the assignment wasn't a disappointment at all. Devil's Lake has a few gas stations, stores, motels, restaurants and bars, and even a mall! Our motel room had electricity, hot water and cable TV. This wasn't "the wilderness" after all. The towns were small, but they looked like towns, not teepee campsites. The streets weren't rolled up at sunset. The place actually got busy on the weekend when vacationers rolled in with the boats.

What are Indians like? They don't fit typical stereotypes. Generally they were

small of stature, dark, many were overweight, and for the most part, quiet. Not just shy, but well-behaved. They didn't like wearing glasses and most ametropes claimed they lost or broke their last pairs months ago. Their dark eyes usually had a good bit of with-the-rule astigmatism, and not the legendary eyes of an eagle. Reading was certainly not one of their hobbies. All spoke English — I never heard any speak in their Sioux or Chippewa tongues, even when I requested it. Their dress, language, and even their society seems to have been buried by our own. There's still plenty of signs of the Indian heritage, but it's a heritage of the past, with little ongoing continuation or progress. The last holdout seemed to be their diet, which contains plenty of fried bread (along with a Coke). The government overshadowed much of their society, and almost all of their health care. With local jobs scarce, many youth turn to the Armed Services for employment. We encountered no resentment or prejudice. Everything seemed relaxed. Best of all — no staff doctors breathing down our backs! To sum it up, one might say the Indians of Fort Totten resembled the trees of North Dakota. They can live and grow there, but the conditions aren't ideal to thrive.

The ICO Student Auxiliary is an organization of spouses of ICO students which functions on both educational and social levels. The Auxiliary provides opportunities for its members to further their knowledge of the optometric profession and also organizes a number of social activities. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to spouses and fiancées of students attending ICO.

## FIRST DAY YOU OPEN YOUR PRACTICE

- YOU MUST LOOK FOR THE SIGN-POSTS WHICH INDICATE THE NEED FOR ORTHOPTICS for your binocular patients. These patients constitute 95% of the orthoptic case load and their prognosis for success is 100%. Only 3% to 5% of orthoptic patients are strabismics.

## WE ARE IN A WAR FOR SURVIVAL

If we hope to win our war, we will ALL have to fight very, very hard with every weapon at our command. We are losing a large percentage of our new graduates to commercialized optometry! Somehow this MUST be stopped. We are losing the very life blood of our profession. The public comprehends FOCUS — they must now be educated to FUSION, the FUSIONAL RESERVES and that they are a VITAL part of vision, their most precious possession.

## BEWARE OF THE SHORTCOMINGS OF DIAGNOSIS BY INSTANTANEOUS TEST

- OUR REGULAR, COMPLETE VISION EXAMINATIONS MAY NOT REVEAL THE FULL STORY OF INSUFFICIENCIES IN THE BINOCULAR APPARATUS because they are the results of tests of instantaneous responses. If we dissociate and immediately measure the phoria, a finding of 2 to 6 PD may be obtained. If we wait and let the patient relax, it may increase to 10 to 15 PD or more. The convergent and divergent fusional reserves in the phoropter may be normal. If taken with Tranaglyphs or Vectograms, after a minute to several minutes of testing, these patients may manifest suppression, asthenopia, fixation disparity and the blur, break and recovery points markedly degenerated. Whereas, we thought the patient had normal reserves, he actually has poor reserves and a breakdown in his binocularity when tested under some fatigue. IN THE TESTING AND CARE OF BINOCULARITY, THE PHOROPTER IS NOT THE COURT OF LAST RESORT.

- TO THOROUGHLY TEST THE INTEGRITY OF BINOCULARITY, patients should perform prolonged testing of the fusional convergent and divergent reserves (prism base out and prism base in) with saccadic eye movements with Tranaglyphs or Vectograms in a Dual Polachrome Orthopter at the close of the examination. Prolonged testing procedures should especially be done with patients with marked binocular insufficiencies or complaints and those with learning disability. However, for many patients, timewise, this may be inappropriate; therefore, a great many patients should be given the BC/51 and BC/52 Tranaglyph Slides to use at home for 7 to 10 days and then report their achievement and comfort.

## TRANAGLYPH ORTHOPTICS

During the last few years, I have given a great amount of attention to the development of Tranaglyph Orthoptics. This technology enables us to achieve very effective, low-cost, durable, instrumentation which will not fade or curl. It thereby makes the doctor and his services become the primary factor in orthoptics and erases the instrument cost as an economic barrier to visual training. We all realize that we must be able to earn our livelihood on our fees for services and NOT materials. PLEASE GIVE YOUR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION to Tranaglyphic Orthoptics and its importance to you, your coming patients and Optometry.

## ANSWER THE CHALLENGE

I hope you agree with me that the vast expansion of orthoptic practice by Optometry is NOW A VITAL NECESSITY and that you will help put the above into action. If you do not agree, please keep an open mind and give me the opportunity to lay the facts before you. Good classical orthoptics is based on sound physiological optics, it IS valid, it does work and there is a great need for it. Furthermore, it need not be time consuming or a chore. Indeed, it is fun and very rewarding. Many OD's find a straight retinoscopy — subjective practice boring. Do not go into practice and be negligent and only use a part of your training.

# STUDENT AUXILIARY NEWS

information on membership may be obtained through ICO Box Nos. 382 or 489.

The ICO Student Auxiliary has scheduled a number of fund raising activities for the Fall Quarter of the 1980/81 school year. The proceeds from these projects will be used to support various Auxiliary functions throughout the year. These include the purchase of promotional materials for Save Your Vision Week, a screening project, Outreach to Older Americans, and such social events as the hayride and Christmas Dance.

Planned for the next few weeks is a SALE OF OPTOMETRIST STATUES. Three different figures will be sold at a cost of \$15 each. Watch the bulletin boards and mailboxes for further information concerning this sale. And start thinking of those people on your Christmas list who would appreciate an optometrist statue.

# OPTOMETRY

by Cindy Fencken

While researching these articles several organizations were contacted and asked to provide information. Some you may want to contact are:

NOW-Chicago telephone N 922-0025  
Women Employed-Chicago telephone N 782-3902

American Civil Liberty Union-Chicago telephone N 558-1230.

The ACLU also has a booklet, currently being reprinted, entitled "Women and the Law." It will be available through the New York office at: 132 West 43rd, New York, New York; 10036. The cost of the old booklet was \$3.00, but the spokesperson from the Chicago office did not know what the cost of the new booklet would be. Eventually the Chicago office should have these in stock, so contact them for more information. The booklet should cover items of interest such as state property laws, who has control over marital assets, etc.

This week remarks to the statement, "List some of the most difficult things you've experienced as a woman in the field" are explored.

1. **More open to scrutiny/having to prove yourself to your peers.** This was mentioned in several of the commentaries. The answer is: work hard, be confident.

2. **State boards asking, "What are you doing in this field?"** or questions about raising a family, getting a divorce, etc. Be prepared to answer these types of questions without feeling put on the spot. Have a practice "drill session" with friends before boards. Think of the worst possible questions, and how you would answer them with minimal offense to the examiner.

3. **Inability to join men-only commercial groups,** such as Lions. Legislation is slowly dissolving the power of these organizations to discriminate.

4. **Problems getting into the local "old boy" network.** Contact other women professionals; join professional women's groups such as the AAUW; check with an organization such as Women Employed. All these contacts can help you to establish a women's network which will serve your needs.

5. **Constantly being mistaken for the secretary or technician** either on the phone or at conventions. Unfortunately this is an annoyance you can do little about. It's up to you to identify yourself before someone else mistakes your position. Corollary: When all the other ODs are introduced as "Dr. X, Dr. Y," and then you are introduced by your first name, you may feel that this puts you on a first-name basis with everyone else. Or you might add, "Yes, I'm Dr.

Jane Doe." There is a need to clarify your position as an OD as well as the proper working relationship between all who are present.

6. **Patients make passes.** Generally this can be avoided by your demeanor, but not always. Leave the exam room door open, have an assistant come in to record, or refuse to examine the patient. This also applies to men who have female patients making passes at them (especially minors). There's always the possibility of a lawsuit.

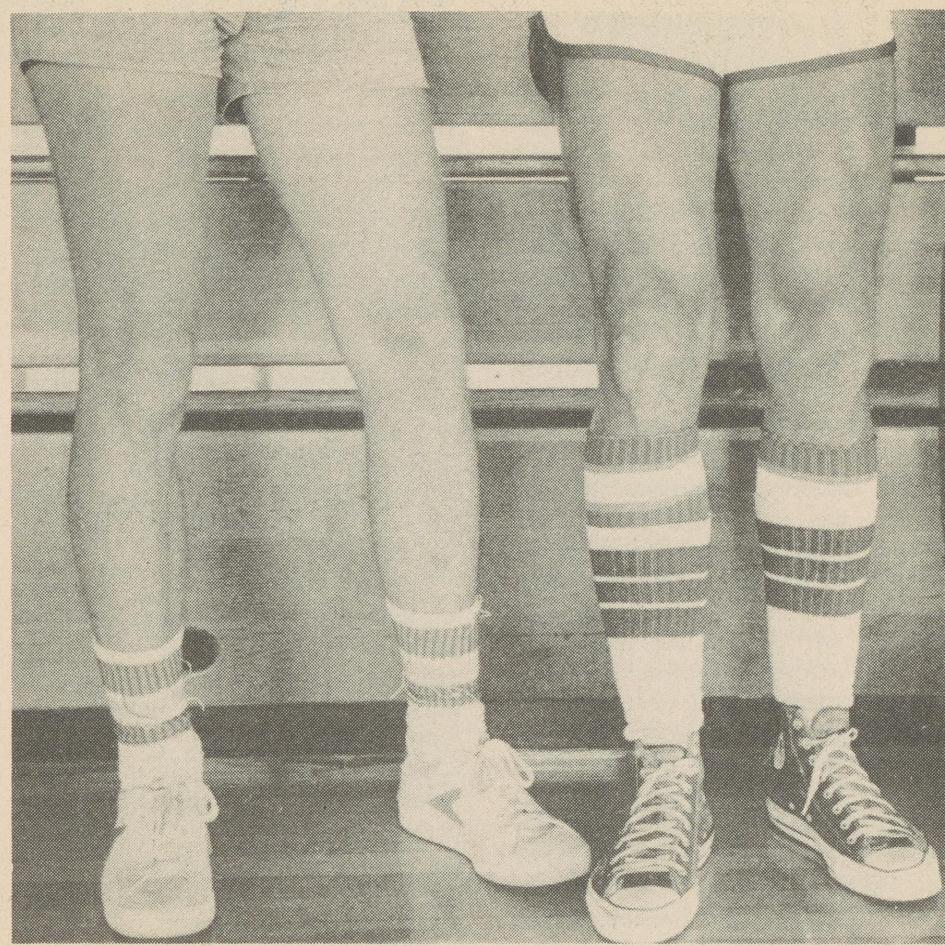
7. **Problems with name tags, reservations, etc.** Often you become "Ms." or alternatively, a feminine name becomes masculinized along the way (eg, somehow Jan becomes John). This is another one of those annoyances you must accept as a part of your daily life. Be as concise as you can and hope for the best.

8. **Returning to a practice where you've worked as office help.** Often it is hard for the doctors and the office help to accept your new role. Learn exactly what your new role details; work hard not to alienate everyone b a sudden change in attitude.

9. **Prospective employers won't talk to you and/or tell you they won't hire you because you're a woman.** Use affirmative action. Why is a woman as asset to the practice? Better yet, why are you an asset to the practice? What can you add? What special skills do you have? Be prepared to answer questions regarding children and marriage plans. The practitioner needs to know if you will be a stable, reliable associate. Think about this: if he is sure that any women can't and won't meet his standards, do you really want to work for him?

10. **Lack of friend/colleagues with whom you can discuss your problems.** A women's network of professionals will help you with this. Also, as more women enter optometry, this problem should diminish.

These were the major points covered when discussing difficult experiences. Most respondents down-played the problems faced as a women in optometry. In future issues, we hope to include a list of women faculty who are willing to discuss specific problems and have had experiences such as — starting their own practice, working with a husband, and continuing to practice after having a child. You could then talk to these women about similar problems you may have. Next issue, comments to the statement, "List some positive attributes/experiences you've had as a women in the field" will be presented.



Guess these legs...to whom do they belong?...Rate them on a 1-10 scale...submit to Box 133...Results next issue!

## SUNY SUMMER CLINIC

by Vic Borkowski  
and Nurit Har-zvi

In an effort to let other students know about educational opportunities outside of I.C.O. we wish to share our experience from this summer. We attended an eight week internship program at the State University of New York Optometric Center. The program consisted of lectures, laboratories, clinical participation and observation concentrating in visual therapy.

The first four weeks were spent mostly in lectures. The lectures were:

- (1) OEP Philosophy — Flax
- (2) Non-Strabismic Binocular Visual Skills Dysfuncion — Sherman
- (3) Strabismus — Birnbaum
- (4) Amblyopia — Cohen
- (5) Perceptual Motor Development — Suchoff

There were also guest seminars in learning disabilities, infant vision, stereopsis, exo deviations, electrophysiology and special testing.

Throughout the eight weeks we saw four general clinic patients and one vision training workup patient per week. The vision training workup is required for all potential VT patients at the Optometric Center of New York. Depending

on the case this workup may consist of developmental testing, strabismus and amblyopia testing, or a general skills evaluation. The main emphasis is to provide the clinician with information regarding prognosis, and time course and design of the therapy program.

During the next four weeks of the program we dealt with the actual training of patients. This was a one intern to one patient situation which a faculty member observing and assisting a group of four interns. Each room was well supplied with all the equipment needed, allowing for efficient use of time. The patients had a wide variety of problems ranging from learning disabilities to strabismus/amblyopia to general skills dysfunctions. As part of the program we also observed exams in pathology, low vision, autorefractor, and infant vision.

We found this program to be a very worthwhile supplement to our ICO education. Exposure to different points of view from well-respected clinicians and from optometry students throughout the country was extremely insightful. This concentration in one area provided us with a basis upon to build our clinical training in visual therapy.



A grant of \$4,400 for student and institutional research has been awarded to ICO, announced President Alfred A. Rosenbloom. The grant, from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, marks the first time in ISPB's 64-year history that competitive grants of this type were awarded.

Separate student grants of \$1,200 each went to Frederic A. Banser, a third-year student at ICO, for his work in strabismus and to Cynthia K. Fencken and Jeffery A. Braun, both fourth-year students, for their study of the effects of industrial environments on visual functions.

Two institutional grants of \$1,000 each were also awarded to ICO. Dr. Janice E. Scharre, assistant professor of optometry, will study the visual status of the autistic child, and Dr. Neil R.

Hodur, director of the Contact Lens Clinic, will investigate the effects of hydrophilic contact lenses on the cornea after prolonged wear.

The Illinois College of Optometry received nearly 30 percent of the total grant money awarded. Other recipients, limited to Illinois, included the University of Illinois, the University of Chicago and Loyola University.

"The grant was an important step," said Dr. Yuzo M. Chino, chairman of the Division of Visual Science at ICO and director of research. "It's getting very difficult to get large research grants from the National Science Foundation or the National Institute of Health, so we need the smaller research grants from private funding institutions," he said.

Dr. Rosenbloom has been on the ISPB Board of Directors for 6 years and on its executive committee for 3 years.

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Our first item comes from the bookstore...a special printing of "The Collected Works of Hyman Wodis" will go on sale sometime before boards. The beautifully bound and colorfully printed book features a complete atlas of Human (sic) Ocular Anatomy totally consisting of original drawings taken directly off the First Year chalkboard by the Master himself. The legendary Ocular Anatomy instructor was quoted as stating, "...I'm very proud of this book. Frankly, I think it's gonna be bigger than Borish."

PTU fraternity's secretary, Rodney Schpok, has announced that PTU's finances are in rather poor shape due to the lack of success with the ICO mug sale, an endeavor that has become an ICO tradition. Mr. Schpok has announced that PTU will offer authentic G.N. Getman leisure suits as their next entrepreneurial attempt. Said Schpok, "This one is a sure bet to make us some BIG BUCKS...no aspiring functional optometrist will want to be without one." The suits will go on sale sometime before boards, will come in sizes xs, s, m, l, and xl, and will be available in any color as long as it's green.

Coherent Corporation has just announced the newest addition to their line of automated optometric products. Joining the Dioptron, Laster Interferometer and Lens Analyzer will be the new FUNDUSTRON. In addition to doing a complete internal exam, this machine gives a printout of all pertinent information and then stands out in the hallway patiently waiting for a staff doctor. The Fundustron-Xtra will also give a detailed printout consisting of 43 expletives for no-shows.

From the world of CONTACT LENSES...the General Foods Company has announced that it has decided to enter the field of hydrophilic lenses...they have just introduced the JELLOFLEX lens to the market. It has many advantages which include 98% H2O and easy patient adaptability, but optometrists who have tried the lens complain that their OPtechs and assistants are often found eating up the profits. Soon to be available is the JELLOFLEX-X lens, which is an X-chrome lens for color deficient patients, and comes in raspberry and cherry.

Also from the CL market, Julius Schmid Company (makers of the famous Trojan, Raamses and Fetherlite prophylactics) has announced THEIR entry into the CL field, the EROTCION. Schmid has gone all-out for variety of the lenses, including tropical colors (subject to FDA approval), and tipped lenses for keratomconus patients. States Mr. Steve Wigdor, the ICO student most experienced with contact lenses and Schmid products in general, "it doesn't matter what the patient's K's are, one size fits all."

And finally, a note from Bookstore purveyor Bea Heinlein who states that the bookstore staff has solved the annual problem of the Ocular Anatomy book shortage. A mass purchase of 840 copies of the 1934 edition of Wolff has been made by the school. When questioned about the wisdom of buying so many out of date books, Bea scolded this reporter, "So what's changed since 1934?"

**ALUMNI  
COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

The Executive Committee of the ICO Alumni Association convened for their fall meeting on September 26 and 27 at ICO. This committee is comprised of eight regional directors who are elected to three year terms, one student representative, one outgoing student representative, one faculty member, the current president of the Illinois Optometric Association, and the past president of the Alumni Council. Those from ICO now on the council are Dr. Brian Caden, faculty representative; Dr. Jan Scharre, director for the Great Lakes region; and Joyce Miller, student representative.

The ICO Alumni Association was formed to foster good relations among its graduates, students, and faculty. A common misconception held by many at ICO is that dues paid by alumni to the Association go directly to the ICO administration. This is incorrect. Anyone seeking funds from the Alumni Association must submit a proposal to the Alumni Council. The council then discusses the overall benefit of the proposal and makes its decision.

At this fall meeting the Alumni Council complied one hundred per cent with requests made by students for various causes. Contribution included:

- \$1,000 to Student VOSH
- \$1,800 to co-sponsor the Fourth Year banquet
- \$750 to FOCUS
- \$150 to AOSA
- \$150 to Intramurals
- \$5,000 for the purchase of a VER unit for the Pediatric Clinic
- an annual gift of \$62,000 for the college mortgage (which keeps your tuition down!)

New seating for the classrooms will be a project funded by the Alumni Association on a long-term basis.

The Alumni Association also sponsored a free luncheon, in conjunction with the Fall Awards Assembly, on Friday, September 26, that was well attended by its student members. The members of the council enjoyed visiting with students and listening to their concerns.

Please keep these contributions and interests in mind when you graduate. To join the Alumni Association is to join a group of former students helping present students get a little more out of ICO.

You can show your appreciation to the Alumni Association now by becoming a member of the Student Alumni Association. To join is simple. There is no cost and no commitments. Just sign your name to the membership book in the Alumni Office on second floor. You will receive a membership card that will admit you to Alumni functions (including free luncheons) at various state and regional conferences. Members also receive a discount on the purchase of entertainment books sold through the Alumni Office. These will be made available later in the year.

Please help the Alumni Association help you. If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions please submit them to Joyce Miller or stop by the Alumni Office. They're on your side.

by Joyce Miller



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**OEP FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**

Optometric Extension Program Foundation offers optometry students special educational opportunities as Student Associates.

OEP Foundation's student program has recently grown into a national students' organization that offers:

**Student Associateships.** Group or individual enrollment plans. Curriculum I features basic behavioral vision care theory and practices; while Curriculum II provides advanced chapters on a variety of changing topics.

**OEP Externship Program.** Experience observing clinical associates in practice, for 2-day to 2-week periods, can be arranged. Write to Howard Kahn, O.D., 1547 Laskin Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

**Student Continuing Education (CE) Groups.** CE Groups meet on optometric campuses. The Foundation gives counsel to students wishing to form new CE Groups, or meet with area behavioral optometrists.

**Visiting Lectures.** Due to student interest, OEP Foundation Graduate Seminar lecturers will schedule visits on campus when they are in the area. To invite a lecturer to your campus, write to G.N. Getman, O.D., P.O. 18022 Butler, Irvine, CA 92155.

**Reference Services.** Optometry schools or college libraries have all past courses and cassettes for study. OEP Foundation donates all publications to optometry libraries, and makes many volumes available through campus bookstores. Also available to Student Associates are bound volumes of past courses.

**Knight-Henry Memorial Awards** annually presented to students for excellence in research and writing in behavioral vision care.

**Campus Report.** Student newsletter published three times yearly, during each academic term.

**Continuing Education Courses.** Curriculum I courses cover visual training, behavioral optometry principles, patient relations, practice development through community action, and the development of vision. The clinical course presents the examination sequence of: 1) determining the prescribable near net lens power; 2) case checking for typing, for a program of lens fitting as determined by the directions; 3) determining the degrees of embedding.

Curriculum II advanced courses present a continuous, coordinated approach to behavioral vision care and practice management.

A prospectus of the 1980-81 courses, which begin in October of each year, is available from OEP Foundation, P.O. Box 850, Duncan, OK 73533.

If you are interested in getting involved in the behavioral optometry movement, write to Scott Sutherland, OEP-AOSA Liaison, 1301 Goodbar, Apt. 1, Memphis, Tenn. 38107.

**NEW GLASSES?!...  
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The Optometric Extension Program Foundation externship program provides another opportunity to acquaint optometry students with behavioral vision care in action. The OEP Student Externship Program puts Clinical Associate optometrists in personal contact with participating students, announced Howard Kahn, O.D., of Virginia Beach, VA, program coordinator.

"The purpose of this externship program is to offer optometry students observation time in the office of an informed optometrist practicing behavioral optometry," said Dr. Kahn. He emphasized that externs receive full exposure to clinical, financial, management, and community relations activities of their host optometrist.

All second through fourth year optometry students are invited to participate in the short, 2-day to 2-week, externship.

Students will observe routine full spectrum clinical practice, such as data collection, analysis of data, prescription decision, design of lens application, and visual training programs. Host optometrists are encouraged to share full financial details of optometric practice, such as fee schedules, chair costs, collection details, salaries, and other details important to economic success of the student's own future practice.

"Of special note is the Program's emphasis on personal discussion and community relations," said Dr. Kahn. Students will receive after-hours time for informal discussion with the optometrist. They will be invited to attend community professional contacts and community relations skills. Dr. Kahn said, "There is a special camaraderie among behavioral optometrists, and student optometrists should definitely be introduced to this atmosphere."

OEP Foundation also provides kits of publications to participating students, to introduce behavioral optometry and OEP Foundation continuing education.

Student and faculty liaisons have been appointed at most optometric colleges and universities in the United States, to assist Dr. Kahn in matching interested students with participating OEP Foundation Clinical Associates.

To apply, or for more information, optometrists and students should write to OEP Foundation Student Externship Program, 5825 N. Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780.



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# SA NEWS

by Carl Maschauer  
SA President

Since the last issue of the Focus, the Student Association has sponsored the fall picnic, started intramural football, met with the Board of Trustees, met with Dean Cromer and has obtained a room for our use (the old security office) which we share with the school counselor.

The picnic went fairly well, with about 350 people showing up. An addition to this year's picnic was a clown (Maureen Dalton — Admissions) who kept many of the small (and some big) children happy and occupied. If anyone has any new ideas for the spring picnic let us know.

The meeting with the Board of Trustees covered a range of ideas and topics. The new chairman, Dr. Kushner (Iowa), promised that the dispensing area would be completely remodeled and revamped by December. The topic of "Mock Boards" was brought by Dr. Henry (Harvard Dental School) who feels that it is important that our school does well on boards. It is his idea that some sort of remedial type of help for certain students be administered. The parking situation is being handled on a short-term arrangement right now, with women in the third and fourth year getting priority. Women are getting the priority due to the fact that they are most susceptible to physical harm with earlier winter darkness and late Clinic hours. Also, the concept of a dress code in clinic was brought up. The Board was very adamant about proper attire, especially ties for men. Lastly, several Board members reassured many students that under no circumstances would they allow faculty and staff to embarrass students, especially in clinic. They said that students should follow normal channels in dealing with this problem. But, if no solution can be obtained, certain board members said they would help the students resolve the problem.

The meeting with Dean Cromer established his two precedents, (1) increased class attendance, and (2) better board scores. Although he had no specific idea as to how to handle these two problems, he did feel that some sort of remedial studying for boards might be in order. Also, when asked about increasing class attendance with quizzes, he stated that he himself has done that in the past. So, it may be that the student body is going to be in for more quizzes.

Some things to look forward to are; a student auxiliary Christmas party Dec. 6, and the A.A.O convention Dec. 13-16. Both Judy Bobus and Larry Hookway enticed a record number of exhibitors to come to the equipment fair. The Academy meetings, at the Drake Hotel, will be open for students. In fact, at least 30 students from Ferris St. are planning on coming here to Chicago. If you have room on your floor for some people, let Colleen Howe or your class reps know. In fact, some other schools are also thinking of coming. Lastly, if you have any comments on any of the above statements talk to your class reps or me.

As a personal note, I would like to thank: the Alumni Association for their financial support to the Focus and the A.O.S.A., Cindy Fenken and Rodney Schpok for their great work on the Focus, Kirk Schott (congratulations on getting engaged) and Don Wilhelmus for a fine job at the picnic, Jerry Blaschke & the W.O.S.A. for making the brat fry a part of the 4 day funfest, and my fellow entrepreneur, Tim McAuliffe, for helping me with a very successful Boat Trip.

## V.A. EXTERNSHIPS

by Aaron Janis

For ICO students, the fourth professional year is primarily devoted to clinical involvement. In addition to our own clinic, the college has developed off-campus affiliated clinics, giving fourth-year interns an opportunity to practice under close faculty instruction and supervision. These multidisciplinary facilities emphasize the health care "team" concept and play a vital role in the total education of optometry's "new professionals."

One of the most sought-after affiliated clinic appointments is the West Side Veterans Administration Hospital. Its eye clinic is staffed by two optometrists, one ophthalmology resident and two optometric interns who rotate every six weeks. The student intern program at the West Side VA Hospital is rigorous and in-depth, with the student having from 40 to 50 patient contact hours each week.

The eye clinic's two optometrists, Dr. Thomas Stelmack and Dr. Harley McCormack, are both faculty members of ICO. Their optometric talents are combined with the highly specialized medical and surgical skills of the ophthalmologists to achieve eye care with the proper balance of manpower.

What attracts the student to this type of experience? With the accelerated growth of commercialism, optometrists are realizing that the future success of the profession lies in its ability to become a primary health care resource. Attaining that status, though, might be as difficult as it is rewarding.

It requires sophisticated in curing and in caring. It requires a specific attitude and understanding, a commitment and an education. For those who attain these goals, the rewards are fulfilling for the individual and for the profession.

Dr. Henry B. Peters of the University of Alabama School of Medicine reports that roughly half the population needs some form of eye care and that only half of the group needing care are receiving it. Of all people needing eye care, says Dr. Peters, 90 percent require services within the scope of optometric practice.

These services can be divided into two classifications. The first is the management of visual system anomalies. This

aspect of primary eye care accounts for the greatest demand and receives heavy emphasis in modern optometric curricula. The optometrist is now more skilled in this area than ever before.

The second major area is ocular care, dealing with the care of the eye as an organ of the body and with its relationship to the human organism and its systemic functions. Such care also includes the longitudinal management of chronic ocular conditions such as glaucoma, retinopathies, cataracts, senile (or other) degenerative changes and long-term postoperative ocular care such as aphakia.

Ocular care is an important part of overall vision care; it is imperative that primary care optometrists be extensively trained and experienced in both direct and coordinative care.

Much of this experience, though, cannot be gained within optometric institutions because of the insufficient number of the proper patient types. Large medical centers and other multidisciplinary institutions treat many ocular anomalies; it is there that primary care optometrists can gain the necessary hands-on experience and instruction.

At the West Side VA Hospital, for example, the student benefits from a 1-to-1 student-faculty ratio. In this setting, the optometric student can also interact with other members of the medical community to learn their methodology and type of patient care.

The six weeks I spent at the West Side VA Hospital gave me more proficiency and competence in ocular care than the previous three years of classroom training and one year of clinical experience.

Optometric colleges are not doing an inadequate job; there seems to be a genuine necessity, though, for more intensive outside clinical experience.

Because of the inertia of tradition, progress in the development of additional clinical settings has been slow. The results of an expanded outside clinic program should benefit the patient, the health professions and the community; that expansion demands our full support. More optometric students should be able to take advantage of a provocative learning experience.

## FALL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Featuring a keynote address by the 1980 ICO Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Donald Heyden, the Fall Honors Assembly was held on September 26. Dr. Heyden spoke of the satisfaction of being a professional optometrist and he urged the students to be active in community and professional activities after they graduate. Also, a total of seventeen students received awards. The recipients and the awards were:

*Alumni Achievement Award:* Frank Hurd, Jacque Young, Lori Wassmann, Colleen Howe, Robert Blumthal and Aaron Janis; *Dr. Eugene W. Strawn Memorial Award:* Anthony Bauer, Greg Bleeker, Ben Poole, Martha Stern and Robert Nyre; *Bausch and Lomb Scholarship Award:* Carol Emmel-Marusich; *Dr. Louis P. Brunetti Award:* Jeffery Schultz and Robert Wheatall; *IOA Auxiliary Scholarship Award:* Edward Jarka; *ICO Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year Scholarship Award:* Mario Palermo and Dick Pesevanto.

In addition to awards the students, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year classes each selected the faculty member who was most outstanding last year. The respective winners of these awards were Dr. Shansky, Dr. Alexander and Dr. Veith, the winners names were engraved on a permanent plaque and each winner received a loaf of homemade banana bread.

In addition to the students, faculty, and staff who were in the audience, several members of the ICO Board of Directors attended the assembly.

## OEP AWARDS

More than \$1,200 may be won by students in schools and colleges of optometry, who are winners of the 1981 Knight-Henry Memorial Awards competition, which will consider manuscripts submitted before the March 1, 1981 deadline, announced OEP Foundation's G.N. Getman, O.D., Director, Department of Optometric Care. At least two awards of \$300, \$200, and \$100 are offered to students whose manuscripts meet standards of excellence in three award categories.

Students wishing to vie for an award in one of the categories should write to Dr. Getman, 18022 Butler St., Irvine, Ca 92715, for writing and subject guidelines.

Category 1, \$300, considers reports of original studies of visual performance, fully based on data gathered by the student in undergraduate clinical assignments. Category 2, \$200, consists of reports chosen from a list of OEP-suggested explorations of visual performance. Category 3, \$100, considers sets of student-authored abstracts from non-optometric and nonmedical behavioral science journals.

All manuscripts will be appraised by a committee of practicing behavioral optometrists, for content, relevance to vision development concepts and practice and suitability for publication.

The Knight-Henry Awards were established in 1975, to honor R. Wayne Knight, O.D., of Morgantown, WV, and W.R. Henry, O.D., of Warrensburg, MO. The two pioneers in behavioral vision care were graduates of Northwestern Illinois College of Optometry and Zone Chairmen of OEP Foundation.

A pamphlet describing award criteria and background is available by writing to Dr. Getman.



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## DISPENSING CHANGES . . .

Last issue's lack of space prevented publishing an article on changes in the dispensing department. Dr. Taylor and Mr. Rozum discussed their plans for dispensing and for Rozum's future here at ICO. Rozum's primary duties will be to run the clinic dispensing module, and he may later teach in the dispensing lab. The entire dispensing department is being revamped. The frame selections will be expanded to include a diversity of designs and cost ranges for all patient groups. It is hoped that the department will soon have some complete stock frames, for two to three day service on some parameters. Dispensing tool kits may be established to help develop student competency. These kits would be checked out by an intern while assigned to dispensing. Several state boards have been stressing dispensing, and competency with specific tools may aid students during board exams.

Currently a plan is being discussed with the Board of Directors which

entails a total redesigning of the dispensing module. This venture would enlarge the dispensing area as well as prepare the clinic for a new system of patient follow-up care, from examination through delivery of the Rx.

Rozum intends to turn dispensing into an efficient and enjoyable operation, able to provide whatever the patient needs at a very reasonable cost. His philosophy of the art of dispensing is that, "Glasses are the most tangible thing a patient has. A patient will bellyache more often from a bad fit than from a bad script" (Rx). He does not want to train interns to be great opticians, but to solve problems. In his experience, half of the problems patients think are due to the Rx are due to a mechanical maladjustment care, from examination through delivery of the Rx.

We look forward to continuing changes in dispensing and hope to keep everyone informed as the plans progress.

## . . . SPEEDY SERVICE

The dispensing department is now offering faster service on certain single vision prescriptions. The list of the powers available in stock is posted and is also in the front of the price books. Plastic lenses are available one day sooner than glass since they don't need to be hardened. Average delivery should be 2 days for plastic, three days for glass. The most common hold-up is the frame. We now stock many frames. They are identi-

fied on the frame boards with the words "IN LAB." Photogrey lenses in 71 mm blanks will soon be added. It will help to verify that the lenses and frame are in the lab since we could run out of a particular power or color of frame.

We are getting much faster service on plastic surface work now. Unusually, the lenses are received before the frame. Using a stocked frame will speed up the delivery of these orders also.

## FACE LIFT

Those of you who are sick of this neighborhood will be happy to know that there is an organization devoted to the improvement of our area. This organization is the South Side Planning Board. The Board designates the area that contains ICO as "the GAP", encompassing 31st to 35th and King Drive to State Street. This educational area includes ICO, IIT, Vandercook College of Music, LaSalle Technical High School, Michael Reese Hospital, and other educational facilities.

One of the Board's plans includes a "Slum and Blighted Area Redevelopment Project" in the vicinity of 36th and Indiana. This whole area is to be acquired for redevelopment, including the creation of housing for the elderly. Previous plans resulted in a change of zoning in the GAP which prevents the construction of more high rise buildings, and acquisition of property by several of the educational institutions. Presently the board is formulating efforts to help decrease crime levels in this area.

## SPUTNIK!

As of September 22nd, Illinois College of Optometry opened a satellite clinic at Marsh McLennan Insurance Company which is located at Canal and Jackson Avenues in Chicago.

Dr. Siemsen is presently providing the staffing. Six interns are there — 3 on Monday and 3 on Wednesday — seeing 8 patients each day. ICO has provided two lanes of refracting equipment located in the personnel department. There is also a small dispensary. Interns will be rotated through the clinic every quarter.

The cost to the patient is \$7.50 and the company matches this, making the total fee \$15.00.

It is hoped that this will provide some different types of patients, increased continuity, and also provide additional numbers of patients, thus cutting down on no-shows.

Any further information will be provided by Dr. Siemsen when he comes and talks to the 4th year class.

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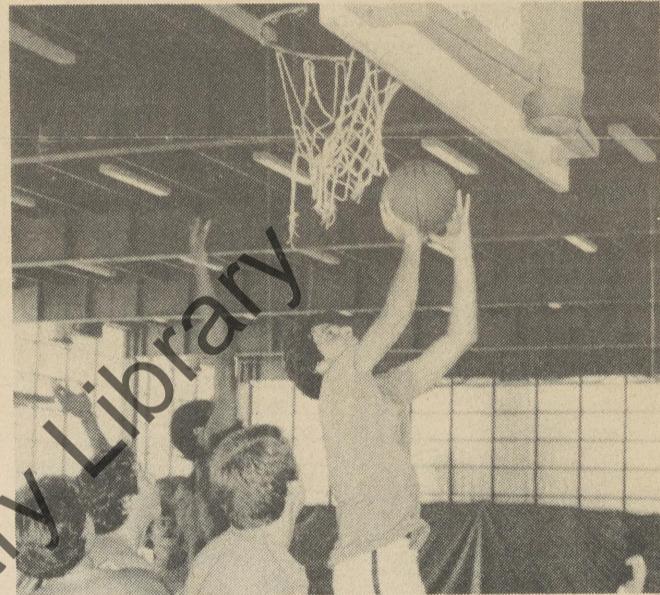
On September 28th, the 1980 ICO Intramural Football season kicked off. This year the league is comprised of four first year teams, two second year teams and one third year team. Starting the schedule off was the third year squad, captained by Mark Hassinger, against a first year team captained by Dave Heesch. After a 6-0 halftime lead, Hassinger's team exploded for twenty-one second half points and prevailed 27-6. Directing the attack for the third year was Kurt Lotspeich. Only a touchdown in the last minute of play, scored by Duane Smyth, prevented the shutout. Another game pitted the two second year teams against each other. The team captained by Spence Vidulich went on to defeat Kent Aide's squad 21-18. Highlighting the attack for Vidulich was receiver Brad Richter. Richter caught two long passes for touchdowns on four down plays that left the opposition stunned. The last game on the schedule featured two first year teams captained by Karry Gelb and Daniel Kierstead. The inability to convert two extra points doomed Gelb's team as they lost 13-12.

League play continued on October 5th and shutouts dotted the schedule. Vidulich's team destroyed Gelb's 25-0,

and Aide's team white-washed Leland 26-0. The other game on the schedule was a runaway as Kierstead's squad hambled Heesch's 39-6.

With midterm exams out of the way, the schedule continued on October 12. The key match up featured two undefeated teams, Vidulich and Hassinger. Little ground was gained by either team in the first half as strong defenses prevailed. The half ended 0-0. The second half featured few scoring threats as both teams continued to play conservative footvass. Regulation time expired with the score deadlocked at 0-0. To unlock the tie, each team was given four offensive plays to try and score. Vidulich's team lost the coin toss and had the ball first. On their third play from scrimmage, quarterback Pete Kurtz spotted Brad Richter across the middle and delivered the ball to him for a touchdown. Hassinger's team then had four plays to score the tying touchdown but the strong defense by Vidulich stopped them cold. Other games included Kierstead shutting out Leland 19-0 as Garth Christensen threw two touchdown passes to Robert Dickey, and Gelb defeated Heesch 18-0.

	Won	Lost	Pct	PF	PA
Vidulich	3	0	1.000	46	18
Kierstead	3	0	1.000	71	18
Hassinger	1	1	.500	27	16
Aide	1	1	.500	44	21
Kelb	1	2	.333	30	38
Leland	0	2	.000	00	45
Heesch	0	3	.000	12	84



Look guys, it's easy to imitate Darryll Hawkins!

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